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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON SUPPORTING PRST ON BURMA DELIVERED

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Classified By: Political Officer Robert Patterson for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) On April 10 we delivered reftel demarche to MFA Department of International Relations Senior Counselor Valentin Berezovskiy, who cautioned that "excessive pressure" on Burma could be counterproductive. Explaining that the GOR's UN Mission was handling the issue, Berezovskiy expressed skepticism about the need for a PRST, noting that UN Special Advisor on Burma Ibrahim Gambari had stated the GOB was interested in working with the UN, and therefore "slow cooperation was better than no cooperation." He argued that Burma's neighbors were also opposed to applying "excessive pressure" such as sanctions. He posited that the UNSC should not involve itself in human rights issues unless they posed a threat to peace and stability. "There are other UN entities that handle human rights issues," he said.
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